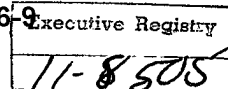


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October 10, 1959

To: The Honorable Allen W. Dulles

The search goes on apace for the Cooperative Forum's new home.

A great many letters and calls have been received, conveying vast appreciation of the Forum's unique value and conviction that the best lies ahead.

Because of the unusual nature of the Forum's requirements---such as complete independence and the absolute necessity of maintaining its off-the-record rule---more suggestions are needed, more avenues need to be explored. We earnestly invite you to continue with us in this search so that it can end at the earliest possible moment and regularly scheduled meetings be resumed.

In the interim probably only occasional, high priority sessions should be undertaken. Time demands in finding the long range solution must come first.

"From every fruition of success, no matter what, shall come forth something to make a greater struggle necessary", wrote Walt Whitman.

Our gallant volunteer workers are making that struggle. Their efforts must be supplemented by money---much more money than ever was needed in the past. (You will remember that the "SOS" described the extraordinary arrangement made by Carter Barron at the beginning and which was permitted to continue, even after his death, until the building was torn down.)

You and we, the undersigned, now have opportunity to reaffirm our belief that the Cooperative Forum discussions are a reminder of those traditional American decencies whose existence is the very life-blood of democracy: the courage to speak to one's critics or opponents without fear and the readiness to listen without rancor. We submit the enclosed report of the twenty-third year of such non-partisan, non-profit service.

We intend to send the most generous checks we can, and promptly, so that the necessarily far higher operating costs can be met for the next twelve months. We are confident that you will wish to join with us. A form is attached for your convenience, with the reminder that gifts to the Cooperative Forum are deductible in income tax returns.

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Secretary and Member

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Enclosed is my 1959-60 gift to the Forum in the amount of \$ _____.

In the event that the gifts received prove insufficient to cover the necessary operating expenses for the coming year, you may also count on me for an additional contribution in the amount of _____% of my enclosed check.

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